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Veterans Administration
Pass-A-Grille Regional Office
P.O. Box 1437
St. Petersburg, Florida

Re: C 7 471 367
SIMPSON, Clyde W.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Clyde W. Simpson was a patient at Tucker Hospital under my care from April 20, 1946 to July 7, 1946, during which time he was totally and completely disabled. From his medical history and the story given by his family, he was evidently totally disabled during the hospitalization previous to his admission here. The diagnosis is schizophrenia.

While at the University of Florida in February 1946, patient began to have what he thought to be another attack of fever. He began to become somewhat confused and elevated and, in some respects, paranoid toward his wife, accusing her of not holding up her end of the marriage when actually she was doing all she possibly could. He had some religious trends that flared up at this time; he became extremely restless and began to talk excessively. The underlying theme of his talk seemed to concern his life in the Navy, serving in the Pacific. His wife states that at this time she thinks he may have had some fever, and she gave him more Atabrine. He became more upset and, after sedation was given, he was taken to Grant Haven Hospital, Jacksonville, under the care of Dr. William H. McCullagh. During this time he was in an extreme manical state, fighting the war over again, thinking himself back at battle in the Pacific, apparently very elevated and restless. He was given fourteen electro-shock treatments and seemed to improve. He was then moved to a general hospital in Jacksonville for several days' physical check-up. While there he had an exacerbation of his illness. He was again returned to Dr. McCullagh's hospital where he remained until April 19, at which time he was transferred to Tucker Hospital.

On admission here, April 20, 1946, the patient was somewhat preoccupied, confused, showing some

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paranoid tendencies, and in his talk there was some incoherence and circumstantiality and a mild flight of ideas.

His physical examination was essentially negative. Reflexes and neurological examination were normal. He received two electro-shock treatments, making a total of sixteen that he had. He was then started on insulin shock therapy and received forty-seven of these treatments. He had a rather prolonged period of confusion, vagueness, and inability to clearly express his thoughts. He gradually improved and developed fairly good insight. Careful arrangements were made with the patient in regard to his living arrangements when discharged from the hospital; he was strongly advised to postpone the studying for a profession until much later in the future, and he was told that a six-months' convalescence in Florida was absolutely necessary.

He was discharged from the hospital April 7, 1946 as improved.

Trusting this information will be of help to you and Mr. Simpson, I am

Very truly yours,



JAS:m
Enc.

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Mr. Clyde W. Simpson
2505 Forbes Street
Jacksonville 4, Florida

Dear Mr. Simpson:

I am enclosing a report to the Veterans Administration on your hospitalization here at Tucker Hospital, together with a copy of the expenses incurred.

We have, during the past year, written the Veterans Administration in Roanoke, Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg. The enclosed report is similar to the one written the State Veterans' Commission in Jacksonville on June 18, 1946.

I certainly hope this information will be of help to you and the V.A. in working out your case, and we are all glad to hear that you are getting along nicely.

With kind regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

James Asa Shield

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Enc.

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WM. H. McCULLAGH, M. D.
2000 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE 4, FLORIDA

5 March 1947

Veterans Administration
Pass-A-Grille Regional Office
P. O. Box 1437
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Sirs:

At the suggestion of Mr. Clyde W. Simpson I am making this report of his condition.

I first examined this patient on 18 March 1946 and at this time he was actively hallucinated and delusional. He was excited and restless, restraint and seclusion being necessary. At the time of the original examination the patient was deeply stained with atabrine and he was treated in Grant Haven Nursing Home from 18 March 1946 to 19 April 1946. He was given electroconvulsive therapy. His excitement subsided and he was transferred to Tucker's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia where he remained until 7 July 1946. Further rest was advised and his convalescence has been satisfactory.

Until the 17 February 1947 the only work that the patient did was short time occupational therapy type of assignments. I understand he now has a regular job. It is my opinion that he would be considered totally disabled from the period of onset of his illness until 17 February 1947.

Sincerely yours,


William H. McCullagh, M. D.

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3 March 1947

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March 5, 1947

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that my husband, Clyde Wagner Simpson, was taken suddenly ill on or about March 16th, 1946, in Gainesville, Florida.

On the night of March 16th, 1946, he had several degrees of temperature and symptoms of a recurring malarial attack, which he had been subject to since his hospitalization at the U. S. Navy Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland in July of 1945. I started giving him atebrine, as had been prescribed for him to take when he had attacks of malaria. He was restless and had little or no sleep during that night. The next morning he acted very strangely, did not know who I was, thought he was someone else, etc. I called the Alachua County Hospital and they sent out a physician. I do not recall his name, however, I believe it was a Dr. Hobbs. This doctor administered a hypodermic to my husband and also gave him some pills. He told me this was only sedation. He recommended that I notify my husband's family and also get him to a hospital immediately, since they had no facilities in Gainesville for this type of case and also since Clyde's family was in Jacksonville, he further recommended that he be taken immediately to Dr. W. H. McCullagh.

The ~~sedation~~^{time} having taken effect, my husband fell into a deep sleep. A few hours later his brother arrived from Jacksonville and we brought him to Jacksonville to Dr. McCullagh's office still in a deep sleep. Dr. McCullagh was busy and could not see Clyde, but suggested that we take him to Grant Haven Nursing Home and made the necessary arrangements. Dr. McCullagh did not see my husband until the following morning, when he recommended that I sign an agreement for him to administer electric shock therapy. During this whole period my husband was not himself and was in no condition to make any effort or suggestion as to what should be done for him, regarding hospital or doctor's care.

Dr. McCullagh had complete charge of my husband for a period of 6 or 7 weeks, during which time he administered approximately 19 electric shock treatments. At the end of this time my husband was improved, however still in no condition to determine what further treatment or hospitalization he should have. It was then decided, after consultation with Dr. McCullagh and my husband's family, to move him to Tuckers Hospital in Richmond, Virginia for

further treatment.

He was moved by train to Richmond, Virginia, on or about April 7th, 1946. He was under the direct charge of Dr. James A. Shield, there until the first week in July. I was allowed to visit him only once while he was at this hospital, prior to a few days before he was to leave, when they permitted me to see him every day.

At the time that he was discharged from Tucker's Hospital, Dr. Shield instructed me that my husband was to go to the beach in Jacksonville and rest completely for a period of 6 months. He was to have no excitement and was to have from 9 to 10 hours sleep every night and also take from 1 to 2 hours rest each afternoon. This routine we followed to the best of our ability. Since our finances were completely depleted it was necessary for us to borrow money to help pay for my husband's hospitalization and for the period when he had to have complete rest.

To summarize the above, at no time during his illness was my husband in condition to determine the course of his treatment or hospitalization and this will be substantiated by the doctors attending my husband.

I certify that the above is a true and correct statement of events as they occurred and conditions as they existed.

Signed:

Anne Banks Slapson

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July 7, 1946

Mr. C. W. Simpson

Jacksonville, Fla.

April 20, 1946 to July 7, 1946

First week flat		125.00
10	HOSPITAL BILLS PAYABLE WEEKLY	1014.25
weeks at flat \$100 weekly		
ROOM AND BOARD	- - - - -	
MASSAGE AND HYDROTHERAPY (BATHS)	- - - - -	
MEDICINES	- - - - -	54.65
LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS	- - - - -	
PHYSIOTHERAPY	- - - - -	
BOARD AND SPECIAL NURSE	- - - - -	
UNDER GRADUATE NURSE	- - - - -	
LAUNDRY	- - - - -	
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH	- - - - -	
MISCELLANEOUS	tel. and personal items	31.70
		1225.60

This special flat rate includes room, board,
 medical fees by hospital staff and shock treatments

PHYSICIAN'S FEES NOT INCLUDED

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JACKSONVILLE 4, FLORIDA

DATE _____

to Mr. Clyde W. Simpson
6828 Selma Street
Jacksonville, Florida

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$135.00

Telephone calls
Grant Haven Nursing Home
from 5/18/46 to 4/19/46

3.48

398.00

\$536.48